

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: April 26, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

BASIL OF AMASIA; GLAPHYRA & JUSTA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6, verses 1-7. It is found in our books, page 83.

Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 1-7: Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χήραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἄρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσωμεν. Καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχείᾳ, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἤξανε, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according Mark, chapter 15, verses 43-47 and chapter 16, verses 1-8. It is found in our books on pages 169-171.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφ. 43-47, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 1-8, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 168-170.

PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος. Christos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.

Introduction to Orthodoxy (Sundays, 9.a.m., upstairs). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey, but it is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozák at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakmail.com

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNA: This morning's memorial services are being held for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago, and of our brother John Calofonos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago.

DANCE GROUP POT LUCK: Following this morning's Liturgy, a pot luck will be held in the Kytherian Room. It is being organized by the Dance Groups as a way of regrouping following this year's FDF and also welcoming new dancers and parents.

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH TODAY: Following this morning's Divine Liturgy a Young Adult brunch will take place in the second floor conference room. This annual event is part of an outreach to welcome young professionals to our community. Many thanks to Chef Harry Madeckas, who will be cooking for us today.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS 56TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW: TIMELESS ELEGANCE: This year, the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will be honoring Annette Chiappari and Niki Kastoras as the 2015 Mothers of the Year. Congratulations! The Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall on Saturday, May 9, beginning with a Cocktail Reception at 12:00 noon and followed by Luncheon at 12:45 p.m. The donation is \$55 for adults, \$25 for children. Parking is available at the lot behind the Cathedral, at 14th and Stevenson Streets. For more information, please call Foula Vasilogiorgis, 415 378-7200, or contact Irene Kyriacou: sassygrk@aol.com; Angie Leventis: aleventis3@comcast.net; or Foula Vasilogiorgis: foulaki8@gmail.com.

SUNDAY STREETS; PLEASE NOTE THAT SUNDAY STREETS IN THE MISSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 10 AND ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18: On these two Sundays, Valencia between McCoppin Street and 26th Street will be closed to through traffic. However, the organizers are aware of the need to access the Cathedral for worship and also of our special requirements to have handicap transport vehicles drop off congregants directly in front of the Cathedral entrance. The organizers at the Valencia and 14th Streets intersection will be informed of this, and we expect that they will accommodate. Meanwhile, to learn more about the program, please visit www.sundaystreetssf.com/mission-51015/ If you wish to serve as a volunteer, please refer to the pertinent flyers at the pangari or see Fr. Stephen or Fr. Niko.

LOOKING AHEAD: PARISH ASSEMBLY ON MAY 17: As mandated by the Archdiocese Regulations, the Parish is required to hold two Parish Assemblies each year. These afford input from all the parishioners in the management of the affairs of the Parish. They are also vehicles for information. The first Parish Assembly for 2015 will take place on Sunday, May 17, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda consists of:

Opening Prayer: Father Stephen

1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Reading/Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2014 Parish Assembly: Gus Vouchilas
3. Treasurer's Report: Philippos Athanasiades
4. Reports on: Stewardship (Gus Vouchilas), the 2015 Festival (Angie Leventis), Youth (Father Niko), the Metropolis Clergy Laity (Father Niko) (The Clergy Laity is being held at St. Nicholas Ranch April 27-28)
5. Report on Phase Two: Construction of the Cathedral/Capital Campaign (Ken Katen, Tom Nuris)
- Election of Nominating Committee (Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, December 13)
6. Old Business
7. New Business
- Closing Prayer

Members in good standing, as defined in the Archdiocese Regulations, are invited to attend and participate.

LOOKING AHEAD: FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20: Please note it on your calendars.

STEEL RISING! You have only to look through the front gates or the gallery doors to see the Cathedral rising. We've been busy since March 25th laying the vertical or "red-iron steel" (called "red-iron" because of its protective orange-red coating, similar to that of the Golden Gate Bridge). Some 1,000 pieces of red iron steel will form the "skeleton" of the Cathedral. We've begun with the northeastern corner, proceeded with the apse and the southern walls and, eventually, will go on to build the towers (one of which will house the elevator), the 50-foot diameter dome, the choir loft and narthex.

On Sunday June 14, 2015, a special "steel signing" will take place. On that day, following the Divine Liturgy, we will celebrate a Blessing of the Waters service (*agiasmos*), at noon, and process out to the construction site, where donors and everyone else will have an opportunity to sign your name on the steel! (We will provide the markers; you get to keep them.) What a blessing that day will be, forming a physical "connection" with the new Cathedral. A light reception will follow.

Our goal is to complete the exterior and also have a fully operational parking structure this time next year, even as work on the interior begins. From start to finish, depending upon fund raising, the work on the interior, including iconography and furnishings, could take another year.

As for the money required to complete the project, surely there are people "out there" who have waited for this moment before making their contribution, be it \$1000 or be it \$1 million. You are out there, and you have the wherewithal to do it. We pray the Holy Spirit inspires you to put your hand to your checkbook, joyfully, for, as Scripture says, "let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

These are exciting times for San Francisco. Imagine, amid the biggest building boom in the City in decades, a house of worship is rising, and a Greek Orthodox Cathedral at that! And to think that we, in our own way, are contributing to the growth of our City by offering a sacred house of worship, for the glory of God, the God who says, *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you. Και ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, και όφθήσομαι έν ύμίν)."* (LXX, Exodus 25:8). Let's build this house of the Lord



*The Church is here to heal,
To reconcile,
To connect with Christ,
To become partakers of the
divine glory,
To worship God,
To proclaim the Gospel, in the
original Christian way,
That the world may be saved.*